

Meeting Minutes

Approved

Middle School Building Committee Meeting

October 21, 2013 – 8:15 a.m.

BOE Conference Room, 3rd Floor Annex Building

5 Linsley Street, North Haven, CT

Committee Members in Attendance:

Michael Brandt, Miriam Brody, Lou Coppola, Sr., Gary Johns (committee chairman), Bruce Morris, Walter Nester, Jr., Michelle Spader (committee secretary), Dyann Vissicchio (committee vice-chair)

Absent:

Goldie Adele, Joseph Porto

Others in Attendance:

Kristine Carling, Robert Cronin, Jeff Donofrio, Phil Diana, David Mikos, Phil Piazza, Edward Swinkoski

Meeting called to order at: 8:15 am by chairman, Gary Johns.

Approval of the minutes from October 7, 2013 meeting – Motion to approve by Bruce Morris and seconded by Dyann Vissicchio. The motion passed unanimously.

Draft copies of Educational Specifications (Ed Spec) for North Haven Middle School were given to committee members. The Board of Ed is in the process of approving the Ed Spec – Dr. Cronin suggested this should be approved within the next 2 weeks.

The chairman explained that the committee's initial responsibility is to come up with a recommendation to the town of which option to bring to referendum. In order to meet the June 2014 funding deadline we need to make a decision no later than December or risk the reimbursement rate decreasing and having to wait another year to find out what the new rates are going to be. Funding is only approved once a year – if we miss it, we are pushed back another 12 months.

The chairman explained the purpose of the Nov 4th meeting will be to discuss our middle school visit, look at the Ed Spec, and have Diversified Technology Consultants (DTC) & Perkins Eastman come in to address our specific questions in regards to all the options.

The Nov. 18 meeting will be for the purpose of discussing revisions with Perkins Eastman & DTC. The December 2 meeting will be used to review options so that we may move toward making a decision on which option to present to the town.

Dyann Vissicchio asked for a copy of the Gateway option timeline, as it was presented at the town meeting on September 23, 2013. The timeline was provided to the committee.

Kristine Carling explained that the Hybrid option- Renovate and Add New (option #4) does not have a full analysis done and was not part of the feasibility study presented to First Selectman Freda. This additional option was formulated as a direct result of reviewing the original options presented.

David Mikos suggested that our legislators be contacted to help us expedite the process of obtaining Gateway. Bruce Morris offered to help Gary Johns connect with the commissioner of the CT Department of Administrative Services to see if the state could be of any assistance to us.

Mike Brandt wanted to clarify that the decision brought forth by this committee in December will strictly be the option we have chosen to bring to the town for consideration at referendum in 2014 . We are not making any decisions on design, etc.

8:26 am – Motion to adjourn by Bruce Morris and seconded by Miriam Brody. Committee members and others in attendance met at the middle school at 8:38 am and toured the school with Mr. Piazza for approximately one hour.

Next meeting: November 4, 2013 at 8:15 am – Board of Education Board Room in the Town Hall Annex.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Spader, Committee Secretary